BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary Department of Telecommunications and Energy One South Station, 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 05-01

<u>Petition of Nantucket Electric Company for Leave to Participate as a Limited Participant</u>

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find an original plus five (5) copies of Nantucket Electric Company's Petition to the Department for Leave to Participate as a Limited Participant in the captioned docket. I am also enclosing an additional copy of this letter to be date and time stamped and returned to me in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your attention to this filing.

Very truly yours,

Paige Graening Attorney for Nantucket Electric Company

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cc: David S. Rosenzweig, Esq. Mary Grover, Esq.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

Petition of Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric for Approval to Construct and Operate a Transmission Line Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72

D.T.E. 05-01

PETITION OF NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR LEAVE TO PARTICIPATE AS A LIMITED PARTICIPANT

Pursuant to the Notice issued by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") in the above-captioned docket, and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 10 and the rules of procedure found at 220 C.M.R. 1.03(1), Nantucket Electric Company ("Nantucket Electric") hereby petitions for leave to participate as a Limited Participant in this proceeding.

In support of this Petition, Nantucket Electric states the following:

1. Nantucket Electric's usual place of business is:

25 Research Drive Westborough, MA 01582

- Nantucket Electric is a Massachusetts corporation authorized to transmit,
 purchase, sell and distribute electricity, as described in Chapter 164 of the General Laws,
 as amended.
- 3. NSTAR seeks a determination, pursuant to G.L. c. 164 § 72, that the proposed transmission line described in its Petition is necessary, serves the public convenience and is consistent with the public interest.

4. Nantucket Electric, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Grid USA, will own the substation to be constructed on Merchant's Way in Barnstable, Massachusetts at which NSTAR intends to interconnect its proposed transmission line.

5. Nantucket Electric supports the approval of NSTAR's proposed transmission line.

6. Nantucket Electric will be specifically and substantially affected by the outcome of this proceeding.

7. The interests of Nantucket Electric cannot be adequately represented by any other party in this proceeding.

THEREFORE, Nantucket Electric respectfully petitions the Department for leave to participate as a Limited Participant in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Nantucket Electric By its Attorney,

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